

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VI. D.

From: Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

Action ☒

Date: May 6, 2015

Discussion ☐

Subject: Public Hearing – Living Streets Plan

Information ☐

Action Requested:

Approve the Living Streets Plan

Information / Background:

Please recall that the City Council passed the Living Streets Policy August, 2013. That Policy calls for the development of a Living Streets Plan to guide the implementation of the Policy. From September of 2013 until early 2015, monthly meetings were held with the Living Streets Advisory Group (LSAG), made up of members of Edina's boards and commissions, and an internal team comprised of Edina staff members from various departments. In February 2015, staff held two public meetings to share the draft Living Streets Plan and to obtain input. Approximately 50 members of the community attended and while there were concerns expressed regarding sidewalks, the loss of on-street parking, and larger traffic issues, overall opinions were positive.

With feedback from the internal team, LSAG, Transportation Commission (Mar. 19), Planning Commission (Mar. 25), and the public, staff has prepared the attached Living Streets Plan for City Council review and approval. This Living Streets Plan has also been posted to the City's Speak Up, Edina! website for public review and comment.

Please note that Chapter 2 of the draft Plan is the Living Streets Policy. Over the course of drafting and obtaining feedback on implementation, staff has found it necessary to revise the format of the policy (e.g. to include more clearly-stated Living Streets principles) and to include additional content regarding implementation and context, etc. When the final Living Streets Plan is approved by Council, Chapter 2 will replace (essentially serving as an update to) the policy approved in 2013. It is anticipated that the Living Streets Plan may be included by reference, or some components of it may appear, in the next update of the Comprehensive Plan.

While a public hearing is not required for Council approval of this Plan, staff felt that it was important to provide an additional opportunity for public comment regarding implementation of Living Streets. Staff

requests that councilmembers review the Living Streets Plan that they received at their April 21 meeting and to bring their copy of the Plan to the public hearing.

Attachment: